

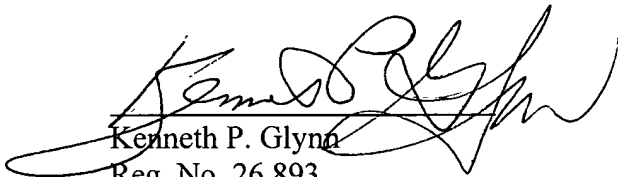
Examiner Haven indicated that she now remembered the earlier conversation and agreed that the new claims did not raise new issues. In fact, the new claims represent a consolidation of the earlier claims in accordance with Haven's request to place the claims in condition for allowance.

During the conversation in August 2006, Examiner Haven specifically told the undersigned not to file an appeal because she would either send a Notice of Allowance, if her supervisor would approve it, or would issue a new Office Action.

To date, the undersigned has not received either and is concerned that this matter may be inadvertently abandoned by the Patent Office. A response as represented by Examiner Haven is earnestly requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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